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           COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
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 4 BARRY A. COHEN; LEONARD A. COHEN; )
 5 OLDE PORT INN, INC. And OLDE PORT)
 6 FISHERIES, INC.,
          Plaintiffs.
                   ) Case No. CV 040897
 9 PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT; )
 10 and DOES 1 to 50, inclusive, )
 11
          Defendants.
 13 AND RELATED CROSS-ACTION
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         DEPOSITION OF JOSEPH CAPPUCCIO
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- 1 A. The disposition?
- 2 Q. Yeah.
- 3 A. How it ended up?
- 4 Q. Yeah.
- 5 A. We won. They dropped the case.
- 6 Q. That's your understanding?
- 7 A. Yeah, uh-huh. Uh-huh.
- 8 Q. Productos Pesceros (phonetic) Punta Loma,
- 9 Inc., what do you recall about that venture?
- MR. COON: Overbroad. Calls for a narrative.
- 11 THE WITNESS: It was our -- it was a drag
- 12 boat. It was our trawling venture in Mexico, where we
- 13 had a permit for trawlers to work in Mexican waters.
- 14 Q. And what is your recollection as to when it
- 15 was that this venture was first --
- 16 A. I'm awful at this.
- 17 Q. -- conceived?
- 18 A. When it was first conceived?
- 19 Q. Uh-huh.
- 20 A. When did we have that breakfast at Golden
- 21 West pancakes one morning?
- 22 Q. Well, actually, you know, if you can --
- 23 A. I'm sorry.
- 24 Q. I know that Mr. Cohen's helping you out a
- 25 little bit here, but --

- A. I'm sorry. 1
- 2 Q. I'm just looking for your recollection.
- A. I don't remember the exact date, I'm sorry, 3
- 4 but we thought, wouldn't it be cool if we could have
- 5 our trawlers working in Mexican waters where there
- 6 were no individual fishing quotas, there were no other
- 7 trawlers, so it would be like uncharted territory, and
- 8 we could explore and create a new fishery, and we
- 9 thought that would be kind of fun and unique.
- 10 Q. The "we" you're referring to is who?
- 11 A. Barry Cohen and myself.
- 12 Q. So the idea was arrived at as -- as a result
- 13 of a collaborative effort, you and Mr. Cohen?
- 14 A. Yeah,
- 15 Q. Yeah?
- A. Just kind of having a conversation one day, 16
- 17 wouldn't that be cool, and we made it work, made it
- 18 happen.
- 19 Q. And generally what was the concept?
- 20 A. We would get fishing permits for our trawling
- 21 boats, our trawlers, and have them fish in Mexican
- 22 waters, and take the fish, put them in trucks, and
- 23 truck them up to the plants, and process them.
- 24 Q. I'm showing you now a document that was
- 25 marked as Exhibit 257 to Mr. Roggio's deposition.

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- 1 A. Just -- just curious.
- Q. Why was it you were curious?
- 3 A. I mean, I don't know if there was a
- 4 specific reason. But sometimes I -- you know, one thing
- 5 that I always liked the bookkeeper down there to provide
- 6 were the -- you know, I wasn't involved in the day-to-day
- 7 operations. So the only thing that, obviously, made Joe
- 8 comfortable was being able to provide backups to the
- 9 balance sheet numbers.
- 10 Q. Was Joe Cappuccio getting concerned during
- 11 the last quarter of 2003 about the amount of money he was
- 12 losing through the operation in Avila?
- 13 MR. SPEIR: Objection; calls for speculation.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I don't know that. These
- 15 advances have nothing to do with that, though.
- 16 BY MR. MOROSKI:
- Q. But they were reflected in the books of
- 18 Olde Port Fisheries Division of Del Mar Seafoods, Inc.;
- 19 correct?
- 20 A. Yeah. That operation is the one who did
- 21 the advances.
- Q. To Barry Cohen, Point Loma?
- A. To both.
- Q. Why was it that Barry Cohen was asked to
- 25 sign a promissory note in favor of Del Mar Seafoods, Inc.

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- 1 in October of 2003?
- 2 A. Well, just to formalize it.
- 3 Q. Why?
- 4 A. I don't think any particular reason except
- 5 for just to formalize it.
- 6 Q. Did you receive instructions from Joe
- 7 Cappuccio to formalize the amount of money that Barry
- 8 Cohen owed Del Mar Seafoods, Inc.?
- 9 A. My guess it's probably something Joe and
- 10 Barry talked about, but you'd have to ask him to be sure.
- 11 Q. I'm just asking -- I'm taking your
- 12 deposition today.
- 13 A. Okay. Yeah, no, I don't know.
- 14 Q. You don't recall --
- 15 A. Joe was, obviously, aware of us preparing
- 16 the promissory note, but I can't recall if it's something
- 17 he had instructed me to do. It's something Barry had
- 18 instructed me to do, but it's something that we did. And
- 19 the only thing behind it is just to formalize it. There's
- 20 no -- we're not out to get him. He's not out to get us.
- Q. My question is whether you have any
- 22 recollection of receiving an instruction from Joe
- 23 Cappuccio some time in or around the last quarter of 2003
- 24 to figure out how much money Barry Cohen owes Del Mar
- 25 Seafoods, Inc. and reduce it to a promissory note.

- 1 A. I don't know that.
- Q. You don't have that recollection?
- 3 Again, what I'm looking for is, either --
- 4 whether you have a recollection or whether you're saying
- 5 categorically, no, that did not happen?
- 6 A. I mean, Joe -- this -- Joe would be well
- 7 aware of this from the start. Now, how it started, you'd
- 8 have to ask him.
- 9 Q. What I'm trying to get --
- 10 A. I mean, you're asking me if I -- you know,
- 11 if he instructed me to do it. I mean, he is aware of it.
- 12 It's probably something we had talked about. I mean, I
- 13 don't know exactly how it came about, but there's no
- 14 substance behind it except for just to formalize it.
- 15 Q. Was Barry Cohen, to your knowledge,
- 16 assessed interest under the terms of the promissory note
- 17 he signed in favor of Del Mar Seafoods, Inc.?
- 18 A. The promissory note does state an interest
- 19 rate.
- Q. Was he ever asked to pay it?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Was he ever invoiced?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Why?
- A. We just didn't do that. It was just,

- 1 basically, just to have something on paper just in case.
- 2 You never know. You know, something may happen to poor
- 3 little Barry, but it's just to formalize it.
- 4 Q. Okay. And was Barry Cohen ever asked to
- 5 sign any other promissory note in favor of Del Mar
- 6 Seafoods, Inc.?
- A. No. They -- the purpose of the promissory
- 8 note was just to formalize it, and that was it.
- 9 Q. Can I see the Chris Cohen W-2s.
- When did Chris Cohen cease being an employee of
- 11 Del Mar Seafoods, Inc.?
- 12 A. Well, when Barry had completed the -- I
- 13 don't know the exact dates. But, obviously, when Barry
- 14 chose it was time to let her go.
- Q. When Barry chose to let her go?
- 16 A. Correct. Barry -- you know, who laid off
- 17 the people when he felt it was appropriate.
- Q. Are you talking about the people who were
- 19 employed by Del Mar in Avila?
- A. The people he employed in the Avila Beach
- 21 operation; correct.
- Q. Who were on Del Mar Seafoods Inc.'s
- 23 payroll?
- A. Well, we just prepare the checks for him.
- Q. Okay. They were, technically, Del Mar

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- 1 How long have you known Barry Cohen?
- 2 A. Many years, I couldn't even tell you exactly
- 3 how long, but it's been quite a while. At least ten
- 4 years.
- 5 Q. Do you have any opinion as to his integrity,
- 6 honesty, and truthfulness?
- 7 A. He's always proved to me to be a very
- 8 trustworthy and honest guy.
- 9 Q. Have I met you at any time or talked to you
- 10 before today, sir?
- 11 A. No. Met you this morning.
- 12 Q. Earlier you testified a little about your
- 13 relationship with a Cheryl Pruitt. Do you recall that
- 14 testimony?
- 15 A. Uh-huh.
- 16 Q. Okay. Do you know whether Cheryl Pruitt had
- 17 any interest in a lease site on the Hartford pier?
- 18 A. Huh-uh, no, I have no idea what her lease
- 19 situation was.
- 20 Q. Do you know how she operated whatever
- 21 business she operated, through a corporate form, or
- 22 sole proprietorship, or the details of that?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Do you know whether there was any assignment
- 25 of any lease by Barry Cohen to Cheryl Pruitt?



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CERTIFICATE OF REVIVOR

F/V POINT LOMA FISHING COMPANY, INC BARRY A COHEN 874 W GRAND AVE GROVER BEACH CA 93433-2134 USA

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Corporation Number: 2713874000

Effective Date : 07/19/2007

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